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MOR-Bible, which is by God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, God's grace, unmerited divine favor, be to you and peace, an absolute end of all strife or trouble, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ to the faithful in Christ Jesus.

Father, we pray for our leaders in our country that they make decisions so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. We know this is well-pleasing and acceptable in your sight, Father. We know that it is your Will to have all people be saved and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. Father, we pray that our leaders will seek you with their whole heart and mind and walk in your commandments. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

This month's teaching focuses on current events in the year 2026. We will answer the following questions using God's Word as our foundation:

- What is happening in our country?
- How can our country prosper and have good success?

Note: The sources for all Greek English words are Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, The Critical Lexicon and Concordance to the English and Greek Word of God (Bullinger), Young's Analytical Concordance to the Bible, The Word Study Concordance by George V. Wigram and Ralph D. Winter, The Bible Hub, Topical Lexicon and Webster's Desk Dictionary of the English Language.

Note: **Bold** added for highlighting.

What is happening in our country?

Many people in our country have chosen not to serve the one true God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. There are even some who profess they know God, but their actions and confessions do not line up with His word. I am not being critical of them; I am just basing my statement on their actions and confessions. You may personally know some of these people and know they do not serve the one true God because you know His Word and you have eyes to see and ears to hear. Many people trust people and the senses' realm over God's Word! I ask you, "How many places do you go where they are talking about the living and true God? Do you hear conversations on the son of God, Jesus Christ?"

Most conversations these days focus on the physical world and about the senses' knowledge. They may be talking about politics. They may be talking about the price of gas or groceries. They may be talking about their jobs. These are all conditions of world circumstances not God's Word! People, our adversary is not a foreign country. It is our own country. Our own selves within the country. It is the truth of God's Word that is foreign in our country. Today, there is an atmosphere of lies, misinformation, corruption, hate, and defeat in the United States.

Conversations center on how much the world has changed. Changes in education, changes in prices, changes in jobs, changes in the environment. The list goes on and on. Take a minute and ask yourself these questions - Has God changed? Has God changed His ability? Is God's Word no longer His will? It is written in Malachi 3:6:

*For I am the Lord [Jehovah], I **change** not.*

Based on this verse, and many others in the Bible, I ask the questions again. Has God changed? No. Has God changed His ability? No. Is God's Word no longer His will? No.

If you listen to the news and look at social media, most Americans are confused, living in fear, and are hopeless. They have chosen the world's changing words over God's unchanging words for their standard of living. People have a choice whether to serve the one true God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (see Ephesians 1:3 and 1 John 5:20) or the god of this world (see 2 Corinthians 4:4). They have a choice on whether to believe the words presented in the news, social media, people or believe the Word of God. As it is written in Hosea 4:6:

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge [of God's word].

Here is an example: Disinformation is lying! What does God's Word say about lying? As it is written in John 8:44:

When he [the devil] speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

It is written in Ephesians 4:14:

*That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they **lie** in wait to deceive.*

It is written in Colossians 3:9:

Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds [works].

Following and supporting people where lying is the standard of living for them is worshipping the devil (see John 8:44)! If you don't believe God's Word, then tell God He is a liar.

Our country has never known such lying, seeds of discontent, corruption, discord, and division as is going on today. There are many people in this country who are selfish and accept no accountability and responsibility for their actions. You may hear them say, "It is not my fault. This is because of"! The devil loves a scape goat; remember Adam and Eve and the serpent?

Selfishness, lack of accountability, a reliance on the word of the news, social media, influencers, etc. are destroying our country. Many do not love their neighbor as they love themselves (see Matthew 22:39). They do not manifest the love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation (see Romans 12:2). Selfishness, my brothers and sisters, is a deadly poison. It is poison to the spirit as it is a poison to the Body of Christ (see 1 Corinthians 12:27). Selfishness and self-centered actions cause diseases in the human body, lack of empathy to others' suffering, and the inability to perceive the struggles of men, women, and children. It is strange that the act of selfishness has never been feared when manifested in one's own experience. However, people fear it in another person even when they never fear it or see it within themselves. Selfishness is the cause of the wars that have come and gone, the battle between labor and capital, the strife in politics, and division among people. It is written in Matthew 22:39. Verses 36-38 are included for context.

Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

This is the first and great commandment.

*And the second is like unto it, **Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.***

In verse 39, the word *neighbour* literally means "nearby" or "close by." In other words, this verse tells us, we are to love those nearby or close by as ourselves. This is far different than what we see and do in today's world.

George Washington, who by all historical accounts was a Biblical man, once said, "it is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible." When is the last time

you heard a leader on any level of our government say that? Who do our leaders serve? Who do you serve? Words may confess one thing, but it is the actions that reveal the true master.

Let us read one of the many examples in God's Word where one leader worshiped God and ordered all pagan gods to be destroyed. And the other leader worshiped pagan gods. This is written for our learning (see Romans 15:4), so let us see what we can learn and apply to our actions. We will turn to 2 Chronicles for this example and see that the leaders had a great influence on whether the people followed the one true God or pagan gods. It is written in 2 Chronicles 17:1 and 3-6,9-12:

And Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead and strengthened himself against Israel.

Jehoshaphat was the King of Judah, comprised of two tribes, and was the son of King Asa and Queen Azubah. He ascended to the throne at the age of 35 after his father's death (see 1 Kings 15:24; 1 Kings 22:42). Jehoshaphat reigned for 25 years. He was introduced in the Hebrew Bible as a king who walked in the ways of his father David and demonstrated devotion to God and adherence to the Law. He eliminated practices not aligned with God's Words such as sodomites, the "remnant of the male cult prostitutes," that had persisted from his father's Asa reign. As King, he took away the high places and groves of Judah, which were sites of idolatrous worship (see 1 Kings 22:46 and 2 Chronicles 17:6). In 2 Chronicles 17:1, the word *strengthened* means that Jehoshaphat fortified his position or authority in opposition to Israel.

Jeroboam was the previous King of Israel, the Northern Kingdom. This kingdom consisted of ten tribes. Jeroboam set an ungodly pattern for the Kings after him. It is written in 1 Kings 14:16:

Jeroboam made Israel to sin.

The phrase *the sins of Jeroboam* [or alterations] occurs over 21 times in 1 and 2 Kings and was used in direct reference to most of the Kings of Israel following Jeroboam (see 1 Kings 14:16: and 2 Kings 17:21-22).

Ahab was the King of Israel, the Northern Kingdom, consisting of ten tribes during the time of Jehoshaphat. Ahab continued the idolatrous practices set by Jeroboam by constructing many high places in the land to worship pagan gods. Remember, Jehoshaphat was King of Judah, the Southern Kingdom, consisting of two tribes. The

King of Judah (Jehoshaphat) and the King of Israel (Ahab) were spiritual opposites. God was pleased with Jehoshaphat's practices and established an alliance with him.

Continuing with 2 Chronicles 17:3:

And the Lord was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways of his father David and sought not unto Baalim.

Here, the word *walked* is used figuratively to mean lived in accordance with or followed the example of David's godly ways. It is written in Acts 13:22:

*I [God] have found David the son of Jesse, a **man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.***

In 2 Chronicles 17:3 above, the word *Baalim* means "lords" or *Baal*. The Hebrew text is *And he did not seek the Baals*. *Baalim* is the plural form of *Baal*, a term used throughout the Old Testament to refer to various local deities worshiped in the ancient Near East, particularly by the Canaanites. *Baalim* worship infiltrated Jewish religious life during the period of the Judges and became popular in Israel during the reign of King Ahab of Israel. The one true God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (see Ephesians 1:3 and 1 John 5:20) was not with people who sought *Baalim*, which was another name for the devil.

Let's continue with 2 Chronicles 17:4:

But [in contrast, Jehoshaphat] sought to the Lord God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not after the doings of Israel.

God was with Jehoshaphat because he *sought* and *walked* in God's *commandments*. Do the leaders of our nation seek the Lord (*Jehovah*), God (*Elohim*) and walk in His commandments? Can we truly say their actions align with God's Word? Do they love their neighbors? Do they study God's Word? Or are their actions, their words aligned with the world and *Baalim*?

Continuing with 2 Chronicles 17:5:

Therefore the Lord [Jehovah] stablished the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah brought to Jehoshaphat presents; and he had riches and honour in abundance.

Because Jehoshaphat sought the Lord God of his father, David, and walked in his commandments, therefore who establish the Kingdom in his hand? The Lord, Jehovah! As a result, we are told that *all Judah brought to Jehoshaphat presents; and he had riches and honor in abundance.*

Verse 6:

And his heart [mind] was lifted up in the ways of the Lord [Jehovah]: moreover he took away the high places and groves out of Judah.

Verse 9:

And they taught in Judah and had the book of the law of the Lord [Jehovah] with them, and went about throughout all the cities of Judah and taught the people.

As King of Judah, Jehoshaphat set the believing example for his people. He followed God's commandments. He had the Word of Jehovah taught to the people! As a born-again believer knows, in order to live according to God's Word, you must first KNOW God's Word. You can't do something if you don't have the knowledge to do it! When the leadership of a family, church, state, or nation is evil or born of the seed of the devil, their works will manifest evil. Their actions will line up with their beliefs. It is through a person's actions that you know whether they adhere to God's Word or the devil (see Matthew 7:15–20).

Continuing with 2 Chronicles 17:10:

And the fear [reverence] of the Lord [Jehovah] fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that were round about Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat.

Interesting. There was no war, Why? Because the reverence *of the Lord*, Jehovah, *fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that were round about Judah*. Jehoshaphat's believing in God's commandments, and the example he set, protected the people of Judah. Can we say the same in our country? Who benefits from the actions of our leaders?

2 Chronicles 17:11-12:

Also some of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents, and tribute silver; and the Arabians brought him flocks, seven thousand and seven hundred rams, and seven thousand and seven hundred he goats.

And Jehoshaphat waxed great exceedingly; and he built in Judah castles, and cities of store.

These blessings of Jehoshaphat and blessings to the people of Judah were the result of a nation whose leader sought the Lord (*Jehovah*), God (*Elohim*), walked in God's commandments, and had the Word of Jehovah taught to the people! Once again, the Word of God is the Will of God. To live according to God's Word, you must KNOW God's Word!

Now, if you have read the Bible as many times as I have, you know the devil will always (and still does) endeavor to trip up those whose walk is in God's Word. You know the devil was going to get Jehoshaphat into an unholy alliance that was against the Word of God. For historical context, Ahab, the son of Omri, began his reign over Israel for 22 years. We know from 1 Kings 16:29-30 that Ahab *did evil in the sight of the Lord above all that were before him*. His reign is detailed in the Biblical books of 1 Kings and 2 Chronicles. Ahab was remembered for his idolatry, his marriage to Jezebel, and his conflicts with the prophet Elijah.

We will look at 2 Chronicles 18:1, 3-5, 12-17, 33-34. It is written in 2 Chronicles 18:1:

Now Jehoshaphat had riches and honour in abundance, and joined affinity with Ahab.

In this verse, the word *affinity* was the Hebrew word *chathan* meaning to intermarry or to form a marriage alliance. Jehoshaphat made a marriage alliance with Ahab. His son, Jehoram, married Ahab's daughter, Athaliah. In the ancient Near East, such alliances were political, economic, and religious in nature, and not just personal unions.

Continuing with 2 Chronicles 18:3:

And Ahab king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat king of Judah, wilt thou go with me to Ramoth-gilead? And he answered him, I am as thou art, and my people as thy people; and we will be with thee in the war [against the king of Syria].

In the Bible, *Ramoth-Gilead* is both a geographical location in Gilead east of the Jordan, and a theological and historical site. It was a city of refuge, a battleground, and a place of prophetic action. It's position in the mountainous Gilead region made it strategically important, and its Biblical references highlighted themes of justice, prophecy, and divine sovereignty.

In this verse, Jehoshaphat *answered him* [Ahab king of Israel], *I am as thou art, and my people as thy people; and we will be with thee in the war.* We can see that because of the marriage of their children; Jehoshaphat had aligned himself and his people with King Ahab who *did evil in the sight of the Lord above all that were before him* (see 1 Kings 16:29-30).

Continuing with 2 Chronicles 18:4:

And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the Lord today.

Here, Jehoshaphat wanted to know the Word of the Lord regarding the upcoming war against the King of Syria. He was seeking out God's commandment about the war. I pause to ask you, When have our leaders wanted to know the Word of the Lord regarding war? Do you recall any leader in recent history who has cited God's Word regarding any action? Then again, can you remember a leader of any kind, personal, professional, governmental who turns to God's Word to decide a course of action? Are their actions aligned with a foundation in God's Word?

Continuing with 2 Chronicles 18:5:

Therefore [verse 4 above] the king of Israel [Ahab] gathered together of prophets four hundred men, and said unto them, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, go up; for God will deliver it into the king's hand.

In this verse, we see that 400 prophets said to go to war because God would deliver *Ramoth-Gilead* into the King's hand. However, in verses 12-15, we will read there was one prophet, Micaiah, from which they had not heard.

2 Chronicles 18:12-13:

And the messenger that went to call Micaiah spake to him, saying, Behold, the words of the prophets declare good to the king with one assent; let thy word therefore, I pray thee, be like one of their's, and speak thou good.

And Micaiah said, As the Lord liveth, even what my God saith, that will I speak.

A true prophet of God speaks what God says to him! And what God says, as relayed to the prophet, comes into manifestation.

2 Chronicles 18:14:

And when he was come to the king [Ahab], the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And he said, Go ye up, and prosper, and they shall be delivered into your hand.

Micaiah repeated the same things as the other 400 prophets but King Ahab commanded him to tell the truth in the name of the Lord.

2 Chronicles 18:15-16:

And the king [Ahab] said to him [Micaiah], How many times shall I adjure thee that thou say nothing but the truth to me in the name of the Lord?

Then he [Micaiah] said, I did see all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd: and the Lord said, these have no master; let them return therefore every man to his house in peace.

Now 400 prophets said “go.” However, Micaiah explained that if Ahab went to battle at *Ramoth-Gilead*, God had showed him, Micaiah, *all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd: and the Lord said, these have no master*. Who was the King of Israel? Ahab. Micaiah’s prophecy was against the king of Israel Ahab, not the king of Judah, Jehoshaphat. But remember, Jehoshaphat made an unholy marriage alliance with the king of Israel Ahab.

Continuing with 2 Chronicles 18:17:

And the king of Israel [Ahab] said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee that he would not prophesy good unto me, but evil?

Micaiah, the prophet, spoke God’s Word to the King of Israel Ahab, and Ahab said what? It was *evil* because it did not align with what he wanted to hear. And even though Jehoshaphat heard the Words of the Lord from the prophet Micaiah, he still went with Ahab to war against the King of Syria. Is it not the same way today when evil people hear the Word of the Lord? How many times have we heard that something reported as truth, but was said to be evil or a lie? How many people, news outlets, etc. are called *evil* because what they say does not align with another person’s thoughts or beliefs?

2 Chronicles 18:33-34:

And a certain man drew a bow at a venture, and smote the king of Israel [Ahab] between the joints of the harness: therefore he said to his chariot man, Turn thine hand, that thou mayest carry me out of the host [Army]; for I am wounded.

And the battle increased that day: howbeit the king of Israel [Ahab] stayed himself up in his chariot against the Syrians until the even: and about the time of the sun going down he died.

Ahab died in battle at *Ramoth-Gilead*. Ahab is remembered as one of Israel's most notorious kings, symbolizing the dangers of idolatry, moral compromise, and the influence of corrupt advisors. Ahab's story serves as a cautionary tale in the Hebrew Bible, illustrating the consequences of abandoning *Jehovah*, the perils of political alliances with pagan nations, and the enduring role of prophets in calling leaders to accountability. Oddly enough, this sounds familiar in our day and time!

To finish our example, the battle against Syria went as Micaiah had said. The King of Israel, Ahab, was wounded in battle and died (see 2 Chronicles 18:33-34) and Jehoshaphat returned in peace to Judah. It is written in 2 Chronicles 19:1:

And Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace to Jerusalem.

When Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, returned, he was confronted about his help to the ungodly Ahab. 2 Chronicles 19:2:

*And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, **Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the Lord?** therefore is wrath upon thee from before the Lord.*

In this verse, the word *seer* indicated individuals who were granted the ability to perceive divine visions and convey God's messages to His people. In the Bible, the term *seer* was often used interchangeably with *prophet*, though it carried a distinct emphasis on the visionary aspect of receiving divine revelation. The Hebrew word for *seer* is *roeh*, which is derived from the verb "to see." This term highlights the visual nature of the revelations received by these individuals. Through the seers, God communicated His Will, revealed His plans, and called His people to faithfulness, setting the stage for the fulfillment of His redemptive purposes in Christ. 2 Chronicles 19:3:

Nevertheless there are good things found in thee [Jehoshaphat], in that thou hast taken away the groves out of the land, and hast prepared thine heart [mind] to seek God.

The word *good* in this verse explained that Jehoshaphat's actions (*taken away the groves out of the land, and hast prepared thine heart [mind] to seek God*) are recognized as *good* in the sense of being pleasing and morally good to God.

Ahab's story serves as a warning in the Hebrew Bible, illustrating the consequences of abandoning Jehovah, the perils of political alliances with pagan nations, and the enduring role of prophets in calling leaders to accountability. Like King Ahab, our leaders have led the people way from the one true God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is written in Jeremiah 9:3:

And they bend their tongues like their bow for lies: but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not me, saith the Lord.

Our leaders, and their blind supporters, are sowing lies, misinformation, corruption, and hate. And as a consequence, this is what our country is reaping. It is written in Galatians 6:7:

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

While these leaders promise the people liberty or freedom, they themselves are the servants of corruption (see 2 Peter 2:19). The promises are empty as they *proceed from evil to evil*. The hate, the division, the pitting of neighbor against neighbor, the scape goating, the blaming, the ridicule are all part of the big lie that moves people away from God and His Word. It is written in 1 John 4:8, 16:

He that loves not knows not God; for God is love.

And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

It is written in 1 John 4:20:

If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

How can our country prosper and have good success?

It is written in Joshua 1:8:

This book of the law [the Word] shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous and then thou shalt have good success.

This verse instructs us that the best way for our nation to prosper and have good success is for our leaders and the people of our country to turn back to God's Word and

practice it. Our leaders, at all levels, family, church, state, federal, professional, must seek the Lord. People must have the knowledge of God's Word to take action according to God's Word. We must all let God's Word become our Will! As it is written in Psalms 33:12:

*Blessed is the nation whose **God is the Lord**; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.*

It is written in 1 Corinthians 2:5:

*That your faith [believing] should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the **power of God**.*

God's Word is foreign in this nation. The words of the leaders – family, church, state, federal - are believed over God's Word! Very few people in our country have the knowledge of God's Word and take believing action based on His Word. The Will of God is the Word of God. Selfishness is what is happening in our nation. It is written in 2 Chronicles 19:2:

Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the Lord?

In so many places, born-again believers stand in the wisdom of men and women. They are in darkness, wickedness, and evil. However, there are also too many in positions of power, leadership, and administration where the power of God does not reside. The words of these leaders – family, church, state, federal - are believed over God's Word! Very few people in our country have the knowledge of God's Word and take believing action based on His Word. The Will of God is the Word of God. It is through these teachings I pray to bring you the foundation of God's Word so that you can critically question the leaders in your life and build your own walk on God's Word (see [MOR-Bible.com/PastArticles](https://www.mor-bible.com/PastArticles)).

It is time that we as a nation, as a people, support leaders who realize that it is impossible to rightly govern our country without God and His Word. We must elect leaders at all levels of governance who seek God, walk in His commandments, and teach others also to follow God's Word. When we take action, God will establish our country in peace, riches, and honor in abundance. Let us pray that God's Word will prevail once again in our hearts, the inner core of our being operated by our minds. Let us pray in the hearts that our leaders will act within God's Word.

It is time that we, as born-again believers, stand together and demonstrate God's love in our walk and in our talk. God's love must shine through the darkness and wickedness

that is currently so pervasive in our country. It is in God's Word that we find the source of the love and the strength to move out and stand strong.

It is time that we, as born-again believers, seek each other out to establish each other on God's Word. We must continually remind ourselves that it through a person's actions, and not their words, that we know their heart. As we renew our hearts and walk in God's Word, let us hold others to the very same standards on which this country was founded – liberty and justice for all! May God bless you always.

In this month's teaching, we used God's Word to answer the questions: What is happening in our nation? How can our nation prosper and have good success?

Brothers and sisters be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the holy spirit, be with you all. Amen.

The Word of God is the Will of God.

In the Lord,

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